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## Helen Cobb Resigns Efficient Official Of Rationing Board

After concluding her ten day vacation, spent with her parents in Maine, Mrs. Helen Cobb, who has been the efficient executive clerk of the Northfield Rationing Board, under Civil Service and Federal appointment, has resigned and the resignation was regretfully accepted, effective July 13. Mrs. Cobb immediately left for her home in Maine, but shortly will join her husband, Ensign Richard A. Cobb, formerly principal of the local high school and later employed at the Seminary, who is now in the U. S. Coast Guard as an instructor and has received an advance and a new assignment which will be made public later. Few executives have done their work in a more satisfactory manner and the district officers of the O. P. A. have given such testimony, as well as business interests and the public who have had relations with the office. For some time the splendid work of the Northfield office has been favorably commended. Few knew the facts of rationing so well as did Mrs. Cobb and every member of the local Board have expressed their appreciation of her services and regret at her going. Mrs. Charles Kehl, who has served most acceptably as assistant to Mrs. Cobb, and has been in charge of the food panel, will succeed her and a new assistant, already chosen will be named officially.

## Go To Rabbit Hollow For Summer Vacation

About forty young colored children from New York arrived in town on Friday, July 9, by train in charge of a group of adults and were taken to the Youth Hostel where they had an opportunity to relax for a few hours and afforded an interesting experience to our citizens. They were loaded onto two trucks shortly before the supper hour and with the help of "hostlers" taken to the camp at Rabbit Hollow near Winchester where they will spend their summer vacation. They were from New York city and many of them for the first time saw something of the great outdoors. Many were quite small but all were happy and looking forward to much pleasure. Members of the Youth Hostel organization will aid in their care and they will be doing a fine work. The staff in charge of the camp are as follows:

John Doggett, Jr., is the camp director. He is a student at Union Theological seminary; Mrs. Francis B. Daggett, recreational director, is a graduate of Temple University of Philadelphia; Robert Duncan, boys' counselor, a student at Lincoln university; Mrs. Eleanor Sutton, Girl Scout work in New York; Mrs. Mamie Moore cook, is supervisor of county schools in North Carolina; Miss Fannie Johnson, a registered nurse of the Harlem hospital.

## Farm Group Show At Youth Hostel

An open-air theatre production "Mr. and Mrs. Vinegar" will be given by the AYH farm camp youngsters on Friday evening, July 30 with the porch of the Smith house at 88 Main street as the stage.

The campers are making the costumes and scenery for this one act folk play themselves. They are being directed by Miss Dorothy Plaisted, teacher of English and dramatics at a junior high school in Concord, N. H.

The evening will also include singing by the negro children from the Rabbitt Hollow Camp at Winchester. No admission will be charged but a collection will be taken and turned over to the Rabbitt Hollow Camp.

There will be general folk dancing for everybody after the program.

## High Alumni Elect

On Thursday evening, July 15 the local High School Alumni Association held their annual meeting to consider several items of business and chose their officers for the year. The annual dance at the town hall has been omitted this season owing to the difficulties of transportation. The following were elected the officers: Miss Ruth Avery, president; Mrs. Esther Leonard, vice-president; Mrs. Gladys Shattuck, secretary; treasurer; executive committee: Arline Dummell, William Andrew Helen Wosniak and Shirley Savance; nominating committee for 1944, Donald Finch, Mary Dalton, Natalie Briemaster, Gertrude Morgan and Marion Goodspeed.

## Accepts New Position The Gallaghers Leaving For Home In The West

Prof. and Mrs. Melvin Lindsey Gallagher of the Birnam road are leaving Northfield on August first to make their home in Minneapolis, Minn., where Mr. Gallagher will become a personnel director with the General Mills corporation. Just about ten years ago Mr. Gallagher came to this town to connect with the music department of the Northfield schools, and his work with both Mount Hermon and the Seminary has met with public approval and commendation. Mr. Gallagher is a native of North Dakota and the son of a Congregational church clergyman. He attended Carleton college in



Northfield, Minn., and majored in music, receiving at his graduation in 1931 a B. A. degree. He then entered Union Theological Seminary in New York and graduated in 1933 with the degree of Master of Sacred Music. He was then called to the music department of the Northfield schools where the character of his work and ability has been generally recognized. Nearing the close of the school year, as part of his war work, he entered the employ of the Greenfield Tap and Die Company in its personnel department and because of his successes, he was commended and received two flattering offers. After a visit to the west, he concluded with the acceptance of the position of personnel director of the General Mills Corporation of Minneapolis and with his family will take up residence in that community. Mr. Gallagher will also continue with his music and eventually take charge of the same in a large church. Northfield friends sustain a serious loss in the family leaving, but extend felicitations and best wishes for a bright future.

## New Priest Assigned Millers Falls Parish

The Rev. Henry J. McCormick former pastor of the Holy Angels church in Upton, has been assigned to St. Johns R. C. church in Millers Falls and will have charge of St. Patrick's church in Northfield, succeeding the Rev. James B. Kennedy, who has been assigned to a church in Clinton. Fr. McCormick was ordained twenty five years ago and has served at Upton since 1939. He graduated from Holy Cross college in 1914 and prepared for the priesthood at the Grand Seminary in Montreal and the Catholic University at Washington. Prior to his pastorate at Upton he had served as a curate at St. Williams at Agawam; Holy Name at Springfield; St. James at South Deerfield; St. Bernards at Worcester; St. Martins at Otter River and St. Stephens at Worcester. He will be given a hearty welcome to the work of this parish in this diocese.

## Tires-Tubes Rationed

The local Rationing Board has granted certificates for tires and tubes to the following persons, since last announced:

Grade I tires: Fred Huber, Gerald Barnes, C. Glasier, G. Newton Arthur Bolton, Herbert White George Sheldon 2, Charles Adams 2, Joseph Rawson 2. Grade III tires: Josephine Jackson, Francis Thompson, Gerald Barnes, Robert Gibson, Howard Skinner, Frank Maynard, George Newton, Clara Hale. Tubes: Clara Hale, Claire Cochran, Charles Adams 2, Joseph Rawson 2, Winston B. Churchill 2, Robert Gibson, Melvin Gallagher. Truck tires: Grace Young, Northfield Seminary, Tenney Farms, Northfield Schools 2 tractor. Tubes: George Sheldon Grace Young, Tenney Farms 2 Truck recaps: A. Gordon Moody 2, Paul Thompson 2, Leo Zabko 2, Northfield Hotel 2, Tenney Farms 2, Edward Boliski 2, George Sheldon 6.

## Albert Spencer Dies After Brief Illness Formerly Lived Here

In Rockingham hospital at Bellows Falls, Vt., where he had been a patient for four weeks, Albert L. Spencer, 56, died suddenly on Tuesday evening, July 13. He was born in Frost, West Virginia, May 13, 1887. With his parents and members of the family he came to Northfield and attended Mount Hermon school. He was a veteran of World War I and served in the 82nd Division. In 1919 he became a partner of the firm of Spencer Brothers beginning the automobile business here. He remained here until 1924 when he went to Claremont and became the proprietor of the Claremont H. H. Motor Sales. In 1933 he began the auto business in Bellows Falls, Vt., which bears his name. He was a successful business man and occupied a prominent position in the community. He purchased a large farm and became known as a breeder of Morgan horses and registered Ayrshire cattle. His wife, who was the former Olive Martindale of South Vernon, survives with two sons, A. Ray Spencer and Ralph Spencer, all of Bellows Falls; five sisters, Mrs. Florence Muse of Montgomery, Ala.; Mrs. Gerald Ackerman of Concord, N. H.; the Misses Georgia and Pauline Spencer of Northfield and Miss Bessie Spencer of Claremont, N. H.; three brothers, Simpson E. Spencer of Cincinnati, Ohio; Ross L. Spencer of Northfield and Briscoe P. Spencer of Claremont. He was a member of the American Legion of Bellows Falls, who conducted the funeral rites on the following Friday. Rev. Parker B. Ward the pastor of the Universalist church which Mr. Spencer attended, officiated. Burial was in the Oak Hill cemetery at Bellows Falls.

## Federation President Of Many Women's Clubs

Mrs. LaFell Dickinson of Keene, N. H., who has been prominent for many years in the activities of women's organization has been chosen as president of the General Federation of Women's Clubs at the recent convocation held at Swampscott. Mrs. Dickinson at one time lived in Brattleboro and is a graduate of the Brattleboro High school. After her marriage to Mr. Dickinson she became actively interested in the work of



women's clubs, serving her own organization at Keene, and filling many important positions in the national organizations of which she was vice-president. She is a most interesting speaker and an able administrator. Well known in Northfield among women's club leaders, it is hoped that she may be able to visit here and be greeted by them.

## The Ration Board Hours

We have again been requested to publish the new revised schedule of the local Rationing Board whose office may be found in the selectmen's room at the Town Hall. All persons who have business of any kind with the board, should consult the schedule and govern themselves accordingly. It is urged that all business concerning rationing, all applications, complaints, requests for information, etc., be done at the office of the board and that individual members be spared the problems during their business and home hours.

On Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays the office is open from 10 a. m. to 4 p. m.; on Thursdays from 10 a. m. to 12 noon, and from 7 p. m. to 9:30 p. m. The office is closed on Fridays and Saturdays.

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## High School Awards Given To Students At Close Of Year

The following student awards have been made at the close of the school year of the local High School and announced by Principal Roland E. Currier. These young people are to be congratulated and their success commended.

Baseball letter, Irving Scott, Donald Lilly, Warren Hutchinson, Clinton Holton, Norman Bolton, Neil Churchill, Carl Stone, Lee Hammond, William Shattuck, and Floyd Dunnell.

Miss Esther Szeszowski, valedictorian of the class, a years subscription to the Readers Digest; Miss Alvie Stevens, certificate by the League of Nations association for her essay; Miss Barbara Harris, certificate of good citizenship from the national society of the Daughters of the American Revolution; Miss Rua Jones, Becker college key for excellence in book keeping; Miss Stevens, medal by the Massachusetts society of the Sons of American Revolution for excellence in United States history; Miss Lorita Cota and Carl Stone, alumni prizes.

Pro Merito pins were received by Miss Karlene Tyler, Miss Elizabeth Phelps, Miss Fay Warrack and Clinton Holton.

## Hermon Fund Grows Sponsored By Alumni

Gaylord W. Douglass, '96, who became the director and secretary of the Mount Hermon Alumni Association on December 1st, 1942 in a report just issued, states that the Alumni Fund of Mount Hermon School—called the D. L. Moody Living Endowment—was most successful for the year ending June 30. The total amount obtained was over \$17,862 as compared with \$11,360 for the previous year ending June 30, 1942. The number of contributions was increased from 1347 to 1529. The total expense of running the alumni office was decreased by nearly \$1000. This is a most gratifying report and reflects much credit to an efficient management.

## Announce Marriage

Rev. and Mrs. Wade H. Barnes of Sacramento, Calif., announce the marriage of their daughter Kathryn Lydia to Ensign Harvey Sanford, USNR, now in San Diego, on June 30th at the Westminster Presbyterian church. The father of the bride officiated assisted by his son-in-law, Rev. Kenneth Bomberg, in the wedding ceremony. Miss Barnes is a niece of Bates college. Mr. Finch was Miss Barnes's brother. Both of the principals graduated from Sacramento college.

## Historical Society Has Special Exhibit Wednesday, July 28th

The rooms of the Historical Society in the old Pine street school building will offer to the public without admission charges, another of the fine and attractive special exhibits on Wednesday afternoon, July 28, from two to six o'clock under the sponsorship of the Historical Society of Northfield. The public will be cordially welcomed and are urged to attend the exhibition. In addition to the most interesting display of historical objects, old fashioned clothing and hats, household goods, farm implements, documents and books, photographs and pictures, antiques of various kinds and art objects, there will be a special showing of old and historic quilts, bedspreads, shawls, needlework, etc., all arranged by Mrs. Martin E. Vorce with explanatory notes. Many of these items on display will be family heirlooms of exquisite skill and reveal the activities with the needle of the women of early days.

The entire exhibit will be worth while and will be shown for this day only, so plan now and make arrangements to visit the rooms. During the display a food sale will be held as part of the program. Persons not contacted who desire to add to the exhibit, some valued specimen of needlework or old quilt or antique should consult Mrs. Vorce by phone at the earliest moment.

## Local Boy Advances

Information has just been received that Samuel Janes of this town, who is in the army, in camp and training, has been chosen to receive an 18 months course of instruction as an engineer. Last week he left Camp Gordon in Georgia to take his test in Clemson college in South Carolina, and having passed, was immediately sent to Rhode Island State college at Kingston for study. He began his student career there on July 12. His many friends in this town are cheered by the good news.

## Announce Engagement

At a tea given at their home on Saturday, July 10, Mr. and Mrs. William J. Sinclair of Arlington, announced the engagement of their daughter, Arline Sinclair to Carleton Finch, USNR, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cortland Finch of this town. Miss Sinclair was graduated from the Chapel Hill school in Waltham and is studying at Bates college. Mr. Finch was Miss Barnes's brother. Both of the principals graduated from Mount Hermon school and is resuming his junior year at Bates college under the V-12 program of the navy.

## TOWN TOPICS

Miss Mildred Orr of Catonville, Md., has returned to Northfield to spend the summer. She is registered at the Northfield Hotel.

The Assessors will meet at the town hall on Tuesday evening August 3 at 3 o'clock, to meet any taxpayer wishing a conference.

Fred S. Merrifield of Main street is in Boston and has gone to the Lahey clinic for a check-up.

The Junior Guards are getting some good drilling these days. On the 13th on a rainy night a patrol created a machine gun nest in the "old orchard" on the mountain and two other patrols were sent out in search. One patrol under Sgt. Ross became lost. The contest was called a draw when finished.

The Ladies Sewing Society of the Congregational church will hold the food sale in connection with the Historical Society exhibit and use the receipts for mission ary work.

Mrs. Mary Field has returned to her home on the Winchester road after visiting friends.

Lieut. and Mrs. Calvin Field are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W. Field this week, previous to going to Miami where he is to be stationed.

Mrs. Minnie Anderson, 79 widow of Rev. William S. Anderson, died Saturday, July 17, at the home of her son, John, in Greenfield. She had been ill for a long time. Mrs. Anderson was born in Belfast, Ireland, and came to this country with her husband. She was the first woman nurse at Mount Hermon school. Many friends revere her memory.

Mrs. Charles W. Barber and daughter Colleen is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Whitman of Highland avenue. She resides in Willimantic, Conn.

Mrs. William Voorhies of Mendham, N. J., is at her cottage on Rustic Ridge for the summer.

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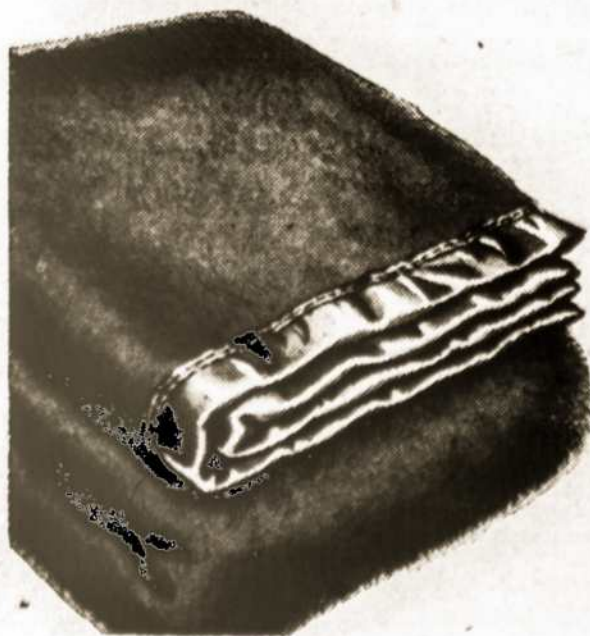


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**TOWN TOPICS**

Miss Edith Goodspeed of New ton is visiting at the home of her brother, Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Good speed. Miss Bernice Webster of New York is also at the home of her sister and mother and when she returns to her home will be accompanied by her mother, Mrs. C. H. Webster, who will visit with her.

The Friendly Class of the Congregational church will hold its annual food sale Saturday, July 24, from 2.30 to 5 o'clock on the lawn at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George McEwan on Main street. Cakes, pies and baked beans will be among the items offered.

All persons interested in taking the Red Cross Life Saving course should get in touch with Mrs. Helen Thompson, instructor or Gene Cullum. Plans are under way for such a course in the near future. Both junior and senior courses will be given.

George A. Mason, for over 23 years connected with the post office in Greenfield, will enjoy retirement August 1st. He is a native of Northfield.

The will of the late Gertrude C. Mattoon of this town has been presented to the Probate Court with petition for appointment of Victoria S. Packard of Greenfield as executor.

Mr. and Mrs. George Loos and family of Princeton, N. J., are summing with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Moody.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Carl Holton of Canton, Ohio, spent their vacation on a visit at the home of Dr. R. G. Holton and Miss Marion Holton on Main street recently.

Fred A. Duncan of Jamaica, N. Y., is spending a few weeks on a visit with his sister, Mrs. Oscar E. Coburn at 'Coburnia' in Mountain Park.

Mrs. Allen H. Wright has returned to her home on Main street after a stay with her daughters Mrs. White and Mrs. Leavitt in Boston.

Mr. and Mrs. N. D. Alexander of Springfield visited at the home of Mrs. C. H. Webster last week. Miss Mildred Gutbrodt of Troy, N. Y., has returned to her home after a ten day visit with Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Whitney of Birnam road.

Again this season, guests at the Northfield Hotel are privileged to enjoy the music of the Hotel Trio in the hotel parlors, evenings at 8 o'clock. The trio consists of the Misses Churchill, Parshley and Synott. They render a most pleasing program.

Mr. and Mrs. Orvil E. Mirtz of Mount Hermon are at Camp Beck et in Becket for the summer.

Mrs. Hans Zachmann is at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carol Miller for a few weeks visit. She is the former Doris Miller and her husband is at Cochran Field in Macon, Georgia.

Mrs. W. B. Wells of Main street entertained a group of Greenfield Girl Scouts on Thursday, July 15 when a picnic lunch was served. The girls made the trip with bicycles and while here were shown about with the aid of Betty Wells and Carolyn Miller. A swim at the Seminary pool was greatly enjoyed.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Crosier of Main street, where he has conducted a greenhouse business, have sold their property to Major and Mrs. L. H. Russell of Greenfield, who will take possession August 1st. The Crosier's will occupy the first floor of the residence of the late Mrs. Nellie M. Wood for the winter.

Mrs. Lillian Atkinson of Warren, state lecturer of the Grange, was the speaker at the regular meeting of the Grange, Tuesday evening, July 13. At the close of the business session and talk, a committee of which Mrs. Bernard Whitney was chairman, served refreshments.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Dudley Peck entertained a group of their friends at their summer home in Mountain Park on Monday evening with movie views of their home and missionary work in Guatemala, Central America. A most enjoyable evening was spent by all.

A cable received here from Mrs. Charles Dickinson, states that she has arrived safely in Lisbon, Portugal.

A Massachusetts penny dated 1788 has been presented to the Historical Society by Walter E. Hallam to be added to its collection of coins. Similar gifts of coins are invited by the society to add to its collection.

Mrs. Alice B. Askren of Ann Arbor, Mich., surprised her friends here by a visit this week for a few days. She is the guest of Miss Annie Weeks of Birnam road.

The next regular meeting of the Grange will be Tuesday evening, July 27, at eight o'clock.

If any of our citizens have more vegetables than they can use don't forget to contribute some to Virginia Camp, for the hungry young folks from the city. You are also invited to contribute some for use at the school lunches next school year. Miss Purrington or Emory Rikert will try and arrange for their canning if they are notified.

More than one hundred young boys and girls have been enjoying the camp life at the Louise Andrews Camp of the Salvation Army thus far this summer. There is a full program for July and August.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Moore and family of Philadelphia are at their cottage "Greylock" in Mountain Park for the summer.

Miss A. B. Pratt of New York city is spending some time at the home of Mrs. Grace C. Cornell on Winchester road.

Miss Annie L. Weeks has sold to Mrs. Hazel G. Purrington the former house of Miss Bertha Wood on the Birnam road, who will occupy for residence.

Mrs. William J. McRoberts of Brooklyn, N. Y., has arrived to spend a portion of the summer at the Northfield Hotel. The cottages on her estate will not be occupied this summer.

The many friends here of Miss Susanna Wilder of New Haven, Conn., and formerly resident here with her parents, will be interested to learn that she has been studying during the past year at Yale Divinity School and hopes for a Master of Arts degree in religious education as she continues. She is looking forward to college work, probably teaching. She is also doing war work in her available time with the Winchester Repeating Arms Co. She keeps in touch with her "home town" through the Press and sends greetings to her friends of former days.

Clarence W. Hayden, chairman of the selectmen of Orange, and well known in this community who has been serving as a state inspector for region No. 9 of the state Committee of Public Safety, Civilian Defense, has been appointed the inspector for the consolidated region, No. 2 and No. 9, which includes all the territory from Ayer westward to Shelburne Falls and north to the state line. Northfield is in this area.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore F. Darby are now residing in Brattleboro having recently removed from St. Albans, Vermont. As announced previously Mr. Darby has again been advanced in his work with the Central Vermont Railroad.

Miss Eva Skala, who is in charge of a school lunch project in East Weymouth, and who for several years was an annual summer visitor here, recently visited Mr. and Mrs. Spurgeon Gage at their home on Winchester road.

Miss Sylvia Bliss of East Calais, Vt., is visiting at the home of Rev. Mary Andrews Conner on Winchester road.

Mrs. Walter Gethman of the Seminary is at the Black Mountain school in North Carolina for the summer. She is teaching at the school to a group of refugees who have come from Europe and include many able and prominent persons who have fled from their native land to escape oppression.

William G. Avirett for seventeen years of the faculty of Deerfield Academy and an authority on historical matters, has been granted a leave of absence to work with the Herald Tribune of New York in its editorial department. Mr. Avirett, well known in Northfield has frequently given addresses here.

Roland Currier, principal of the local High school, is employed during the summer months at Kenard Hall on the Seminary campus.

Carlton Finch, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cortland Finch, has returned to Bates college to conclude his junior year in summer school conducted by the navy.

Recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Goodspeed were Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Goodspeed of Worcester, who spent the weekend with them.

Jack Polhemus has returned to his studies with the naval reserves at the University of Texas after visiting here at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cortland Finch.

Clifford Bolton, for many years employed with the Seminary, is now engaged in the milk transportation work with Sheldon Bros.

The Misses Curtis of Bridgeport, Conn., are occupying their cottage on Rustic Ridge for the summer.

The Friendly class of the Congregational church met last Monday evening at Alexander Hall to work on surgical dressings.

Flora L. Bowman has sold to Elbridge Akden of this town a tract of land in the Plain road section.

**West Northfield South Vernon**

Gilbert Stacy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Stacy, has passed his examination for the U. S. Marines and will be sent to a camp for training.

Alden D. French is now a sergeant in the army and stationed at Greensboro, N. C., and his brother Ian French with the Marines is somewhere in the Pacific according to information received by relatives.

Mrs. Floyd Aldrich, who recently received an injury from a flying piece of wood, from a power saw in operation at her home, is

much improved. The injury though painful was not serious.

Donald Lilly, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lilly, who recently had an appendicitis operation at the Franklin County hospital, is at his home and improving.

The Rev. Clarence Horace Hewitt, executive secretary of the Advent Christian conference, and Rev. Joshua William Denton, pastor of the Advent Christian church at Sugar Hill, N. H., and both former pastors of the South Vernon church, have had conferred upon them the degree of doctor of divinity. The former received his degree from Aurora college and the latter from Gordon college.

Leonard Barnes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Barnes, has been promoted to a sergeant, in training at the army camp at Greensboro, N. C.

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